

## Kadimah 5757

—Ron Lezell for the Children's Education Board

The new school year of CSZ's children's education program (Kadimah, for ages 5 through B'nai Mitzvah) promises to be an enriching experience for the more than 30 registered students and their families.

We are delighted to welcome back Phyllis Mintzer as Head Teacher and as the instructor for our six B'nai Mitzvah students. It is a testament to Phyllis' influence on our children over the years that so many Kadimah graduates continue their Jewish education well beyond their Bat or Bar Mitzvah. And CSZ is also blessed to benefit from the wisdom and assistance of Phyllis' husband George!

Returning teachers are Sandrene Hahn and Helena Fowler McMahon for Rishonim/Rishonot and Chaverim/Chaverot respectively. We welcome Elena Schlofman as the Chalutzim/Chalutzot instructor, and Michael Schwartz, who was a substitute instructor last year, for the Nitzanim class. The theme for Kadimah 5757 is Jewish identity and community. Following are some of the curriculum goals for each class:

**Nitzanim/Nitzanot (Sprouts):** Experience through hands-on activities the sights, sounds and tastes of symbols and celebrations of life in the Jewish home. Introduction to Hebrew through songs, stories, movement and art.

**Chalutzim/Chalutzot (Pioneers):** Focus on the synagogue as an extended Jewish home. Participate in many art projects involving the symbols and subjects of Jewish holidays and create a family tree. Recognition of Hebrew letters, introduction to phonics, and acquisition of holiday vocabulary.

**Chaverim/Chaverot (Friends):** Explore relationships within the family and look at the ways in which the family is an instrument of preserving and transmitting Jewish values from generation to generation. Develop confidence in Hebrew reading, comprehension of prayers and increased vocabulary through the study of roots and words. Explore Jewish communities around the world.

**Rishonim/Rishonot (Leaders):** Explore the challenges of being Jewish, using stories and exercises that demonstrate how Jewish laws and ideals guide one's ethical solutions. Understand the geography of the siddur, and obtain fluency in reading and understanding the prayers. Introduce Hebrew syntax directed toward reading and understanding Torah. Take field trips to Jewish community institutions.

**B'nai Mitzvah (Bat and Bar Mitzvah):** Study Hebrew through the use of Torah texts, studying each other's Torah and Haftarah portions. Learn the process of developing a Devar Torah and possibly visit other synagogues for services on Shabbat. Complete the 13 mitzvot of the B'nai Mitzvah project that incorporate the principles of Torah (study), Avodah (worship) and Gemilut Chasadim (deeds of loving kindness).

In order to reinforce the learning of Hebrew, Kadimah students in the Chaverim/Chaverot, Rishonim/Rishonot and B'nai Mitzvah classes each meet with a volunteer tutor, if available, on a regular basis. This program has the added benefit of creating bonds between the generations and extending each member's family circle. *We need Hebrew tutors for our children between the ages of 9–14 (you needn't be an expert or fluent in Hebrew).* Please call

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## Clarification

In our September *Gaily Forward* article about the Rabbi Search Committee, we informed the congregation of reasons why our search process is taking the length of time that it is. In no way did we mean to imply that Rabbi Kahn chose to step down from his pulpit in other than an appropriate and timely fashion. We wish to reemphasize that our process is lengthy because of our desire and mandate to find the best candidate to be our next Rabbi.

## Mini-Shabbaton

Rabbi Lisa Edwards of Beth Chayim Chadashim, our sibling congregation in Los Angeles, will deliver the Friday night sermon at CSZ on November 8.

The following day, Saturday, November 9 from 3–5 pm, author Tracy Moore will present her work and lead an informal discussion on lesbianism in Israel. Moore is the author of *Lesbiot: Israeli Lesbians Talk about Sexuality, Femininity, Judaism and Their Lives*. A potluck dinner will follow the discussion. Rabbi Edwards will complete the day with a short havdalah service.

## Service Leaders

So you want to lead a service? Or participate in that leadership? Or you just want to better understand the essential elements of a Torah service?

Then you'll want to join the Service Leaders Initiative, which meets in conjunction with Ritual Committee meetings on the fourth Thursday of alternate months.

The basic elements of a Shabbat service, both required and optional, will be discussed at the next meeting of the Service Leaders Initiative on October 24 at 7:30 pm in the library. For information call Lyssa Friedman (389-6303).

## Bisexual

Bisexual and bi-friendly members of CSZ are invited to the second organizational meeting of the newest group at the synagogue — the Bisexual Chavurah.

The meeting will be at 5 pm Sunday, October 20. Those interested can call Jim Frazin (337-4566) or Michael Chertok (550-7608) for the location of the meeting or to answer questions about the group. The Chavurah plans to meet every two months.

## Interfaith

A free workshop for interfaith gay and lesbian couples will be held Sunday, November 17 from 12:30–5:30 pm at CSZ. Save the date. Karen L. Erlichman, MSS, LCSW and Jana Rickerson, MSW, will facilitate.

## President's Column

What is to be, has been. What we plan, has already happened!

It's the week before Rosh Hashanah as I write this. I wrote my New Year's greetings to you in last month's column which was composed five weeks before Rosh Hashanah. I sometimes feel like I live in a pre-Copernican universe wherein I must think in time cycles with epicycles traveling around the Sha'ar Zahav planet. One happy benefit of these pre- and post- but never at-the-moment columns is that I get to consider what will happen before it does and then live the script and talk about how it did happen and who we are to thank!

I hope you had a happy New Year's celebration and had an easy fast. My thoughts, however, are really best described right now in the future tense: visualizing how we will have a sweet new year and how we will have an easy fast and hoping we will have a year of health and growth and spiritual enrichment.

Past-thank-you's for things that really are yet to come. The number of people who have volunteered this year to help arrange the High Holy Day services in which we send out our prayers and hopes for the coming year should fill all members and friends with pride. The Holy Day services are in the best tradition of Sha'ar Zahav's deep commitment to and reliance upon lay leadership and volunteer participation. This year in particular is a time for pride.



David Stein

Returning to our synagogue life of 12 or more years ago, we are without a rabbi. Yet, the creativity and devotion of our ritual committee allows us to continue and enhance our experiences at services. We have been fortunate that Michael Latz, our student rabbi intern and former Sha'ar Zahav member could join us to participate in our services.

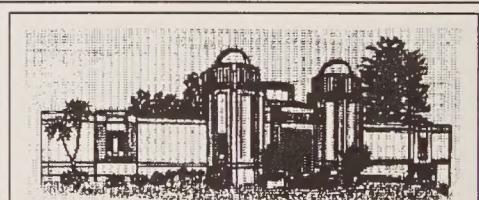
Deep commitment with exceptional people and organizational skills characterize Lea Salem and Amy Clark. They ensured that all members in good standing received appropriate tickets, guests of members received tickets, friends of the synagogue received tickets for the additional seating areas, and all of this was accomplished with dignity and patience through a never-ending string of phone call requests and challenges. Three or four weeks before the holidays it becomes necessary for Lea and Amy and their support staff to be able to explain who, what and why we are, what membership consists of, how to become a member, what the dues policy is, why we have to charge for tickets for non-members, on and on. I know you join me in extending thanks to them.

Our third (now semi-annual after this one) CSZ Camp Swig weekend was held over Sukkot weekend. Getting together as a Sha'ar Zahav Community Chavurah is the core reason for these weekends away. There is not a particular group that attends; members young and old, tots to youth, singles, couples and triads all participate. Visualizing into the future, I see us on the slopes of Swig building our Sukkah with a cadre of members qua decorators deciding where to hang the grape clusters! And we had a good time,

talking and singing, discussing and disagreeing.

I know you spotted a little box ad in the last *Forward* asking for new volunteers for the Newsletter Committee, which currently chairs itself. It is best thought of, I believe, as a kibbutz. Eleven months a year the committed (read devoted) kibbutz members produce our Newsletter: the July/August issue is a double one. Deadlines are crucial for the production schedule. Each member fits into the process where s/he feels talented: editing, layout, distribution, advertising, among other things. Some responsibilities involve one night a month, some two, some several days. As the box-ad said, you get to know things before they happen. In fact if you were on the *Forward* kibbutz already you could have read before anyone else all about the macrame time knots I tied in this column. Consider the benefits and join them!

Love,  
David



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CSZ's gift shop is filled to the brim with a new shipment of tallitot, mezuzot, jewelry and a variety of Jewish gifts that have arrived just in time for Chanukah shopping.

A large Star of David with the names of the 12 tribes, and a silver *yad* pendant (a Torah pointer) are the highlights of the new jewelry inventory, which includes dozens of necklaces and other items. A variety of other gifts are also available.

The shop is open each Friday night between 7:30 and 8:05 pm before services or by appointment during the week. Call the office.

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## September Va'ad Minutes

—Mark Bowers

The Va'ad opened with a meditation by Michael Chertok that focused on the theme of perspective.

Leah Wolf continues to streamline payroll operations. She is working to make the process of creating statements both reliable and accurate. Her main concerns are to establish standards that will make the budget more meaningful, while exercising care about financial projections.

David Stein proposed that Paul Cohen become the new Assistant Treasurer, a position which has been unoccupied for some time. The position of Assistant Treasurer was created by the Congregation to allow for a member to be part of the financial process team. Paul Cohen will serve until March 1997, possibly beyond. The Va'ad unanimously approved the proposal, with a vote of appreciation for Paul.

Lea Salem reported that the roof had a problem that demanded immediate attention: the roofing seals are defective. Bids for repair were solicited, and a bid from Specialized Roofing was accepted. The Va'ad unanimously approved this decision.

Russell Pachman, a new temporary worker, is helping with administrative duties in the office.

David Stein sought suggestions from the Va'ad about how best to manage the creation, abolition and allocation of

restricted funds. There are times when the health, safety or security of the Congregation requires the immediate expenditure of funds between Va'ad meetings, and there are times when building or liturgical needs require immediate, unplanned expenditures. Other synagogues have successfully used yearly forecasts to cover occasional expenses, and it is the goal of the Va'ad to plan in a similar fashion.

Tiela Chalmers has negotiated with the Reconstructionist movement to secure payment for the use of CSZ prayers in their prayerbook.

Eloise Magenheim, Chair of the Social Action Committee, sought and received Va'ad approval of an educational forum on the California Civil Rights Initiative. Eloise also has been meeting with other Bay Area Jewish organizations to help support the churches that have been destroyed in the South. The Va'ad appreciates being kept up-to-date on the worthy activities of the Social Action Committee, and warmly applauds Eloise Magenheim's efforts on our behalf.

### E-mail

The office has a new e-mail address:  
**shaarzahav@igc.apc.org**

## Non-Jews in CSZ

This past spring the Va'ad adopted the Final Report of the Task Force on the Role of the Non-Jew in the Synagogue. The report looked at three areas: Membership, Ritual, and Governance to clarify existing policies or recommend new policies where none existed before. As we move into the New Year, it is appropriate that we consider how to put these policies into practice in our synagogue.

The Task Force recommended that "full membership should be open to Jews and others who are not adherents of another faith and who accept the purpose of our congregation." This is not a new policy, but one that has been central to Sha'ar Zahav since our inception. Any member may carry the Torah and pass the Torah from generation to generation, as part of life cycle events. Spouses and family members who are not Jewish may come to the *bimah*, lead a reading, or stand by the side of their family members. Only those ritual *mitzvot* on behalf of the congregation, including lighting the *Shabbat* candles in the synagogue, being called to the *Torah* for an *aliyah*, and reciting the *Kiddush* on behalf of the congregation must be performed by those who are Jewish. Our Ritual Committee has already put these policies in place and information is currently being developed for new members and those planning life cycle ceremonies to acquaint them with our policies.

The Task Force recommended that membership in all committees be open to all. The chairs of some committees that may be called upon to represent the congregation to the larger public, or that have a special need to be sensitive to Jewish ritual matters, should be chaired by a Jewish member, the Task Force said.

After the holidays, the Membership Committee will begin to revise the Sha'ar Zahav membership pamphlet. Among other changes, it will include information about these policies to inform all those considering membership in the congregation.

## AIDS Walk

The 12 CSZ members who participated in the July 21 AIDS Walk raised \$2,085 of the \$2,166,499 collected that day, officials recently announced. The money will benefit the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and 31 other AIDS organizations.



CSZ at the 10th Annual AIDS Walk in San Francisco. Photo by Francis DaSilva.

## An Open Letter to CSZ Members Living with HIV & Their Partners

The members of our HIV Support Group are seeking new members. Currently we have a core group attending on a regular basis. These regular attendees find the group worthwhile, but they believe it would be a more dynamic and valuable experience with more members attending.

The group is run on a peer support model, which means members mutually give and receive support. So even if you are not sure what the group has to offer you, you may indeed have a valuable contribution to make to the group.

The CSZ HIV Support Group currently meets on the third Saturday of the month from 3-5 pm at the Synagogue. The group is open to all CSZ members living with HIV and their partners. Our format is drop-in, meaning you need not commit to attending each month. Once a quarter the meeting is followed by a catered dinner for those who wish to continue socializing.

Discussion topics range from Jewish spiritual values and ethical questions to the latest treatments and other questions facing HIV-positive men and women and their partners. Everything shared is held in confidence. We are facilitated by a CSZ member trained by Shanti Project who has many years of experience leading groups for Shanti and AIDS Health Project.

The regular members of the HIV Support Group urge you to join us. We find the experience valuable, and feel you might also. We look forward to welcoming you sometime soon.



### Anniversaries

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|----|--|
| 1  | Brian Ellis & Steven Farmer            |
| 1  | Susan L. Feldman & Jeffrey J. Argentos |
| 12 | Alex Ingersoll & David Stein           |
| 13 | Tiela Chalmers & Nancy Koch            |
| 17 | Eileen Levy & Jeanette Nichols         |
| 20 | Hilary Zaid & Lauren Augusta           |
| 23 | Steven Gaynes & Richard Bolingbroter   |
| 29 | William Goldstein & Chris Archuleta    |



## Kadimah

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Ron (626-5748) if you would be willing to become a tutor.

Finally, reflecting the maturing and growth of our children's educational program, President David Stein established a Children's Education Board responsible, in consultation with professional staff, for putting in place integrated and planned policies for the religious education of our CSZ children,

from pre-school through post-B'nai Mitzvah. The members of this Board are: Diana Buchbinder, Rena Frantz, David Gellman, Kim Klausner, Ron Lezell, Marilyn O'Keeffe, Ruth Rainero, and Byron Sigal. Each member of the Board welcomes your questions or comments. We hope all members of CSZ take pride in, and feel a part of, the children's education program.

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Members of the congregation receive the *Forward*. For \$18/year, nonmembers will receive a *Forward* subscription.

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#### Disabilities

Volunteers are being sought to help bring a Jewish component of life to Jews who are often left out of things because they are physically or mentally disabled. Those interested in volunteering or in getting more information should contact Abby Kovalsky at Jewish Family and Children's Services' Disabilities Project (567-8860).

## Churches and CCRI

Social Action Committee projects to help rebuild burned-out Black churches in the South and to sponsor an educational forum on the California Civil Rights Initiative have been endorsed by the Va'ad.

The National Council of Churches is now finishing up a needs assessment of the southern churches and CSZ will be matched with a church there soon. Bay Area Jewish organizations plan to send a delegation of 20 to 25 people during Chanukah, two of whom will be from CSZ. The delegation will be called Tikkun Olam—Offering Labor (TOOL).

The CCRI forum—a panel discussion at Temple Emanu-El on October 2 at 7:30 pm—is designed to acquaint Bay Area voters with the details and pitfalls of the initiative, which concern affirmative action programs in the state. Co-sponsors are the CSZ Social Action Committee and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

## Internet

A beginning computer course about gay and Jewish resources on the internet will be held from 2-4 pm Sunday, October 20. CSZ member Drew Parker, who will teach the class, says, "Come prepared to have fun."

The class costs nothing. Advanced registration is required by October 16. The staff must provide your name to the office where the class will be held in order for you to gain access to the building. To register, call the synagogue office, or Drew Parker (252-1388).

## Oral History Fund Established

Robert Tat has established an Oral History Fund for the Congregation, on the occasion of his 50th birthday. "Because I am one of the Congregation's original members," Rob says, "our history has always been important to me and of particular interest. Sha'ar Zahav has a unique and rich heritage which deserves to be preserved."

Some attempts have been made in the past to record our history. The interviews done for the 18/10 Celebration video are a good beginning. It is Rob's vision that money raised in the Oral History Fund will go towards a more concerted effort to record and catalog the oral history of the Congregation.

If you would like to support this effort and honor Rob on his 50th birthday, donations may be sent to: The Robert Tat Oral History Project, c/o The Ma'ayan Fund at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

## Members' Yahrzeits

We recall the anniversaries of the deaths of CSZ members.

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|----|--------------------------------|
| 1  | Rabbi Ben Marcus               |
| 6  | Jeffrey Miller                 |
| 8  | Duane Kearns Puryear           |
| 13 | Harry Clinton Bigglestone, III |
| 18 | Henry Mautner                  |
| 24 | Glenn Murray Miller            |
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- set up the oneg (come at 7:30 and put on hot water, pour juice/wine, set out food)
- clean up the oneg (put away food/drinks, collect plates, wash dishes, wipe off tables)
- bring food (cookies, cake, kugel, cut vegetables, fruit or whatever you want, as long as it's vegetarian).

Please call the oneg chair, Allan Giannini (255-8117), a week in advance to confirm what you want to do. We'll provide instructions for people setting up and cleaning up.

Participation each week is on a first-come, first-served basis, with the primary goal being getting enough people to set up and clean up. If you have circumstances which make it impossible for you to ever help with an oneg, please let Allan know.

If you have volunteered at an oneg since August 4, 1995, you have fulfilled your 1995-96 oneg obligation and can ignore your name when it appears.

### Oct. 4

S. Thal  
M. Troy  
S. Tubbesing  
L. Ubell  
D. Udin  
S. Unger  
S. Unger  
D. Vinicoff

### Oct. 11

R. Wahba  
S. Walters  
A. Wariner  
D. Wasserman  
N. Wecker  
E. Weinstein  
L. Weiss  
R. Weiss

**Oct. 18**  
R. Weissberg  
S. Weitz  
L. Wexler  
M. Whitebook  
S. Wiesner  
R. Wilmot  
R. Wilson  
R. Wolberg  
**Oct. 25**  
L. Wolf  
J. Wolfe  
S. Wolper  
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L. Wuennenberg  
F. Yellin  
H. Zaid  
M. Zimmerman  
A. Zusman

## Contributions

### *Chesir-Stein Music Fund*

Ellen Lewin, in memory of Joseph Lewin  
**Jonathan Funk and John Arnold**, in honor  
of the arrival of Emma Sophie Madelaine  
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of Howard Steierman's being elected  
President of the Board of Brandeis-Hillel  
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### *General Fund*

**Phyllis and George Mintzer**, in memory of  
Harry Opal and Isaac Mintzer  
**Jonathan Funk and John Arnold**, in  
memory of Harold Weitz  
**Bea Lieberman**, in memory of Gershon  
Lieberman and John Horowitz  
**Judith Gold Bloom**, in honor of Nicole  
Bloom's leading services on August 23  
**Arlene Elster**, in memory of Pearl Elster

### *Library Fund*

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## Naches

To Sharyn Saslafsky on her new position as the Director of Community Affairs for the MUNI.

To Sandy O'Neill on her entrance into the Covenant.

To Ari I. Grossman-Naples on her entrance into the Covenant.

To Richard and Susan Goldwasser on the birth of their twin daughters, Lily and Sarah.

To Howard Steierman on being elected President of the Board of Brandeis-Hillel Day School.

To Suzanne Bojdak and Debbie Yates on their wedding.

To Dana Katz, on her new position with Jewish Family and Children's Services.

To Lolma Olson and Beth Reed on their new home.

To Robert Tat on celebrating his 50th birthday.

To Tiela Chalmers and Nancy Koch on celebrating their fifth anniversary.

To Steve Gaynes and Richard Bolingbroter, on celebrating their fifth anniversary.

To Michael Zimmerman on his new position as Development Director of the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco.

To Dey Ehrlich and Antoinette Reed on celebrating their kiddushin.

To Ron Moskowitz, who established the first gay newspaper beat on the West Coast in 1977 while a reporter at the San Francisco Chronicle. He was credited in the book, *Straight News: Gays, Lesbians and the News Media*, written by former CNN reporter Edward Alwood.

To Mark Klaiman, on being named partner at the law firm of Landes, Ripley and Diamond.

## Why Vote?

The American Jewish Congress has launched MitzVOTE, a non-partisan effort to educate and mobilize Jewish voters. While our community remains one of the most politically educated and active in the country, it is essential that we do not take this for granted but instead insure that every member of the Jewish community is registered to vote, and does vote, in the November election.

To learn more about MitzVOTE and how you can get involved, call Spencer Freedman of the American Jewish Congress (974-1287). The responsibility starts with each of us. Together, we can make each vote count.

## New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Mark Evan Chimsky and  
Robert I. Lustig

Lorraine Locke-Nacamulli,  
Bob Nacamulli,  
Noah J.L. Nacamulli,

and Aaron E.L. Nacamulli

Nancy Levin

Dori Ehrlich

Angel O'Neal

Jay Perlin

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 5 Benjamin Bernard-Herman  
 7 Scott Feinstein  
 7 Randy Heilbrunn  
 7 Michael Zimmerman  
 7 David Wasserman  
 8 Marc Cohen  
 9 Stephen Hauptman  
 11 Lesley Levine  
 11 Forrest Kincaide  
 12 Jeffrey Lilly  
 12 Debra Chasnoff  
 13 David Gellman  
 13 Anna Desmond Bernstein  
 14 Michael Bettinger  
 14 Sharon Tanenbaum  
 15 Tsipora Frantz Prochovnick  
 16 Anna Schwartz-Cohen  
 16 Kim Klausner  
 16 William Denebeim  
 16 Richard Meyerson  
 17 Adam Sigal  
 17 Deborah Hoffmann  
 18 Steven Horowitz  
 18 Lisa Ellen Niver  
 20 Ronald Moskowitz  
 20 Bernard D. Pechter  
 21 Charles Norton  
 22 Dee Hibbert-Jones  
 23 Ma'ayan Lieberman  
 23 Roberta Achtenberg  
 23 Seth Charney  
 23 Wanderson Carlos  
 24 Shuli Goodman  
 24 Rachael MacLachlan  
 24 Rafael Kluczensky  
 25 Fran Frohlich  
 25 Judith Cohen  
 25 Alison Austin  
 26 Ilana Bernstein  
 26 Susan Swigart  
 27 Rabbi Sanford Lowe  
 27 Bruce Henry  
 28 Nina Yang Hall  
 28 Ilana Rainero-deHaan  
 28 Batya Billinkoff  
 28 Rabbi Yoel Kahn  
 29 Allan Berenstein  
 29 Pamela Miller



## Synagogue Information

### Officers:

*President*, David Stein (863-4769 or [david.stein@internetmci.com](mailto:david.stein@internetmci.com))  
*Administrative Vice President*, Diana Buchbinder  
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### Va'ad (Board) Members:

Michael Chertok  
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### CSZ Staff:

*Office Manager*, Lea Salem  
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*Administrative Asst.*, Amy Clark

### Committee Chairs:

*Adult Education*, Claire Rappoport  
*Archives*, open  
*ARZA contact*, Ron Lezell  
*Bequests and Donations*, Richard Inlander  
*Bikkur Cholim*, David Shaber  
*Bisexual Chavurah*, Jim Frazin  
*Book Circle*, Mark Mackler  
*Brotherhood*, Stephan Howard  
*Building*, Mark Klaiman  
*Building Feasibility*, Ron Wilmot  
*Bylaws*, Edward Pollock  
*Cemetery*, Richard Inlander  
*Children's Education Board*, Ron Lezell  
*Cookbook Project*, Robin Leonard and Rose Katz  
*Dues*, Susan Gelmis  
*East Bay Services*, Larry Wexler  
*Endowment Fund*, Richard Inlander  
*Environmental Action*, Barak Gale and Brian Besser

*Finance*, Leah Wolf  
*Fine Arts*, Alice Prussin  
*Fundraising*, open  
*Gift Shop*, Jeff Rubin  
*Infant-Toddler Chavurah*, open  
*Leadership Development*, Irene Ogas and Paul Cohen  
*Library*, Claire Rappoport  
*Long-Range Planning*, Allan Gold  
*Membership*, Steve Levine and Ami Zusman  
*Newsletter*, by committee  
*Oneg*, Allan Giannini  
*Past Presidents Council*, Merry Luskin  
*Personnel*, Diana Buchbinder  
*Pre-school Chavurah*, Nancy Meyer  
*Public Relations*, Sharyn Saslafsky  
*Rabbi Search*, Robin Leonard and Allan Gold  
*Religious School*, Ron Lezell  
*Ritual*, Ora Prochovnick  
*Social Action*, Eloise Magenheim  
*UAHC National Liaison*, Mike Rankin  
*UAHC Regional Liaison*, Robin Leonard  
*Volunteer Coordinator*, open  
*WCGLJO Liaison*, Neil Grungras  
*Women's Chavurah*, open

*Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.*

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Please call the synagogue office (861-6932).

Saturday of each month at 10 am — check calendar for each month. Morning Minyan meets Fridays at 7:45 am.

**Bikkur Cholim:** If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

**Gift Shop Hours:** Fridays, 7:30-8:05 pm.

**Member** of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

**Library Hours:** Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

**Services** are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second

**Congregation Sha'ar Zahav** (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

<b>1</b> Tuesday 18 Tishri	<b>10</b> Thursday 27 Tishri • 6:30 pm, Dues Committee	<b>17</b> Thursday 4 Heshvan • 7 pm, Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Group • 7 pm, Bikur Cholim Committee	<b>23</b> Wednesday 10 Heshvan • 7 pm, Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew
<b>2</b> Wednesday 19 Tishri	<b>11</b> Friday 28 Tishri • 7:45 am, Morning Minyan • 7:15 pm, Niggun Service • 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Debby Gelber, Eileen Levy	<b>18</b> Friday 5 Heshvan • 7:45 am, Morning Minyan • 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Barak Gale, Brian Besser • 8:15 pm, East Bay service	<b>24</b> Thursday 11 Heshvan • 6:30 pm, Torah Study Group • 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee
<b>3</b> Thursday 20 Tishri	<b>12</b> Saturday 29 Tishri • 9:30 am, Kadimah • 10 am, Shabbat service	<b>19</b> Saturday 6 Heshvan • 9:30 am, Kadimah • 3 pm, HIV Support Group	<b>25</b> Friday 12 Heshvan • 7:45 am, Morning Minyan • 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Mike Rankin, Martha Rosett
<b>4</b> Friday 21 Tishri • 7:45 am, Morning Minyan • 8:15 pm, Shabbat and Simchat Torah service: Daniel Chesir, Johanna Ceapach Choi, Eileen Levy	<b>13</b> Sunday 30 Tishri • 10 am, Kadimah	<b>20</b> Sunday 7 Heshvan • 1 pm, Beginning Computer Course	<b>26</b> Saturday 13 Heshvan • 9:30 am, Kadimah • 7 pm, Havdalah-Prospective Members
<b>5</b> Saturday 22 Tishri <b>Shemini Atzeret</b> • No Kadimah • 10 am, Shabbat and Simchat Torah service: Daniel Chesir, Eileen Levy	<b>14</b> Monday 1 Heshvan <b>Columbus Day</b> • 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting	<b>21</b> Monday 8 Heshvan • 6 pm, Healing service • 6:30 pm, Children's Education Board (Oneg room) • 7 pm, Newsletter layout meeting	<b>27</b> Sunday 14 Heshvan
<b>6</b> Sunday 23 Tishri <b>Simchat Torah</b>	<b>15</b> Tuesday 2 Heshvan • 7 pm, Membership Committee meeting	<b>22</b> Tuesday 9 Heshvan	<b>28</b> Monday 15 Heshvan
<b>7</b> Monday 24 Tishri • 6 pm, Healing service	<b>16</b> Wednesday 3 Heshvan • 7 pm, Newsletter editing • 7 pm, Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew		<b>29</b> Tuesday 16 Heshvan
<b>8</b> Tuesday 25 Tishri			<b>30</b> Wednesday 17 Heshvan • 7 pm, Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew
<b>9</b> Wednesday 26 Tishri			<b>31</b> Thursday 18 Heshvan • 6:30 pm, Newsletter Distribution

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

## NOVEMBER FORWARD DEADLINES

### FOR ADVERTISING MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

To place a display ad, call Roslyn Fuerman (510/526-1209 or [froslyn@aol.com](mailto:froslyn@aol.com)). To place a classified ad, call the office.

### FOR ARTICLES MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

Please submit articles both on 3½-inch disk and hard copy on paper double spaced. Write "Attn. Gaily Forward" on top and mail to CSZ. No deadline extensions without advance permission from the editorial coordinator (821-3855 or [Bkalis@aol.com](mailto:Bkalis@aol.com)).

### East Bay Services

- 10/18 Ida and Evan Kuluk, and Susan Spott, 4042 Maple Ave., Oakland (510/530-4673)
- 11/15 Ed Tanovitz, 1612 E. 38th St., Oakland (510/482-4825)

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